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1. During the period 5 to 20 February 1951, a total of 53 trains hauling empty cars of all types passed through Frankfurt/Oder enroute to Russia. The trains averaged 50 cars in length. During the same period 14 trains loaded with grain from eastern Europe entered the DDR at Frankfurt/Oder.
2. A new stretch of track under construction between Mahlow and Schönefeld is being rushed and is scheduled for completion by 1 May 1951. This line will become a part of the freight outer ring around Berlin and will replace the section of the present ring which passes through the U.S. Sector at Lichtenrade. Track and material for the new line is being salvaged from the former private Mittenwalde-Maukölln Railway.
3. During December 1950, reparations trains from the DDR to the Soviet Union were counted as follows:

Through Frankfurt/Oder	647 trains
" Guben-Forst	287 "
" Bad Schandau	37 "
" Wismar Harbor	3 "

In addition, the following reparations trains left the DDR for Russia, but border-crossing points could not be determined:

From RBD Halle	74 trains
" RBD Magdeburg	23 "
" RBD Erfurt	76 "

4. At present the following items required for locomotive maintenance are in critically scarce supply:

copper gaskets  
 welding electrodes  
 steam pipes  
 steam safety valves

As a result of this shortage, locomotives are being kept out of circulation in some areas.

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